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An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on December 1, 1998. A letter requesting acknowledgment of this Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 18, 2001. This request was repeated in the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed August 30, 2001 because the Examiner indicated in response to the April 18, 2001 paper, that a copy of the PTO-1449 and a copy of the cited documents had not been received. The August 30, 2001 papers included a new copy of the form PTO-1449 and new copies of the cited documents. In reviewing our files, we find that we still have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the references were considered by the examiner.

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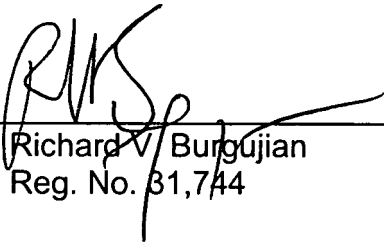
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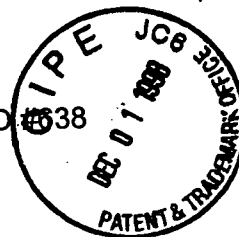


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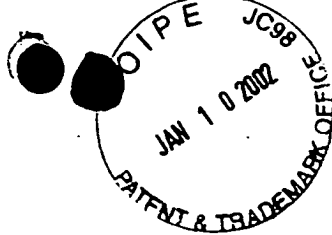
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner a European Search Report and EPO Patent Application No. 0145 321. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the above-listed Search Report and application are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies either reference as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the reference does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such reference.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the identified references should they be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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